

**Amendment and Response to Election Requirement**

Applicant: Jerome D. Brown et al.

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Title: TAPE REEL ASSEMBLY WITH STIFF WINDING SURFACE FOR A TAPE DRIVE SYSTEM

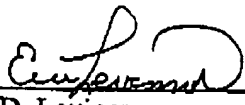
**REMARKS**

In response to the Election Requirement mailed January 26, 2005, Applicants hereby elect the species designated by the Examiner as Species III (Figure 5). In addition, with this Response, claim 10 has been amended. Claims 1, 9-11, 14, 26-31, 35, and 36 read upon Species III and it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 35, and 36 are generic to all species.

It is believed that this Response complies with 35 U.S.C. § 121 and addresses the Election Requirement imposed by the Examiner. Having thus addressed the Election Requirement, consideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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